

REMARKS

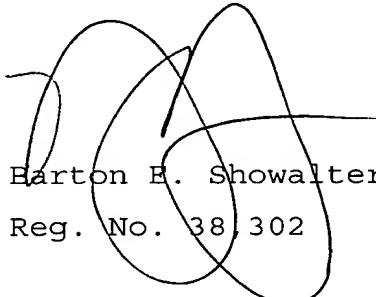
Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amini, et al. in view of Trantanella. Independent Claims 1, 11, and 17 recite in general the ability to control coupling of a device to a bus. By contrast, neither the Amini, et al. patent nor the Trantanella patent are able to control what devices are coupled to a bus. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 7, lines 1-4, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-20 are patentably distinct from the proposed Amini, et al. - Trantanella combination.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-20.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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